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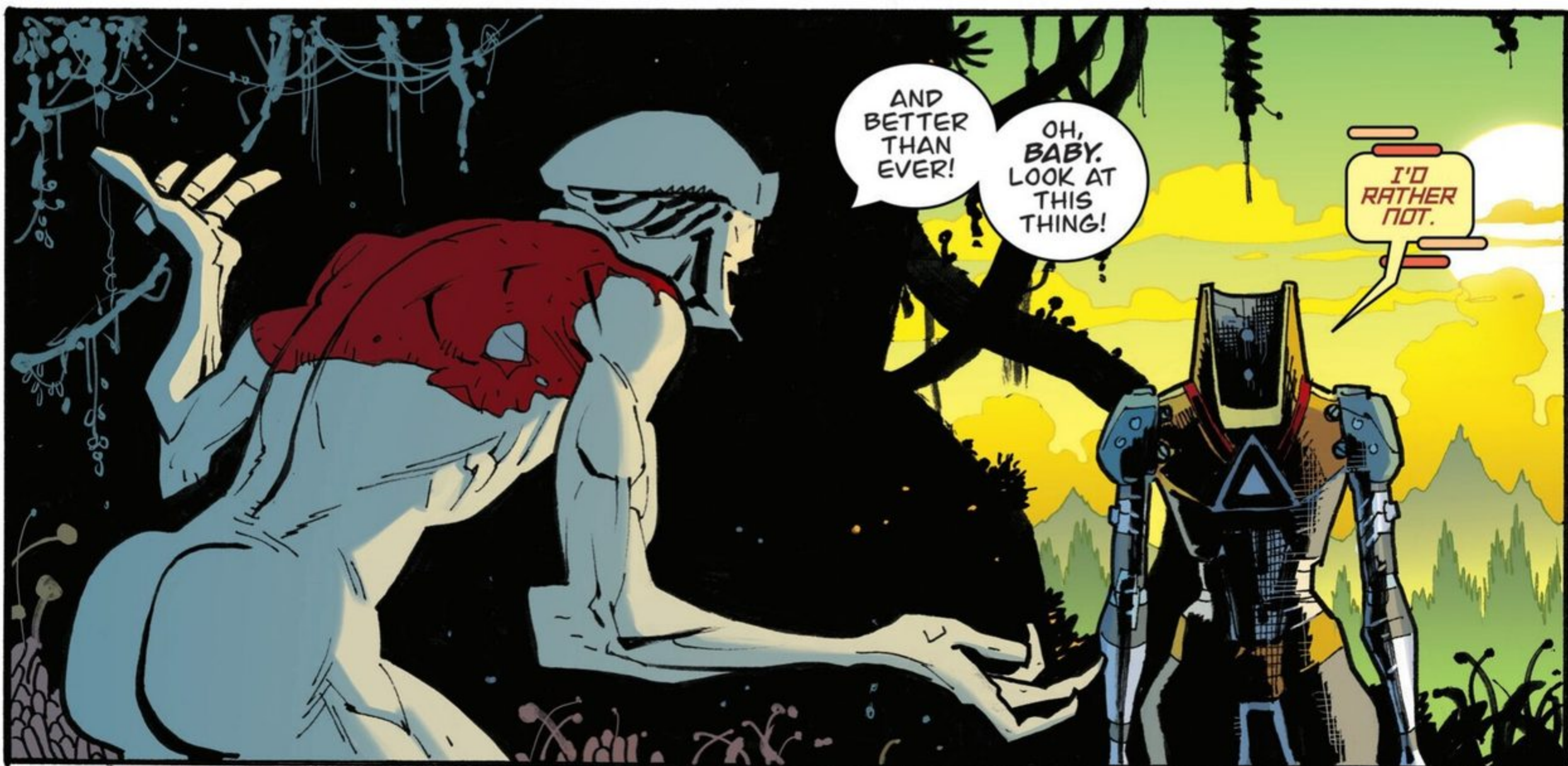
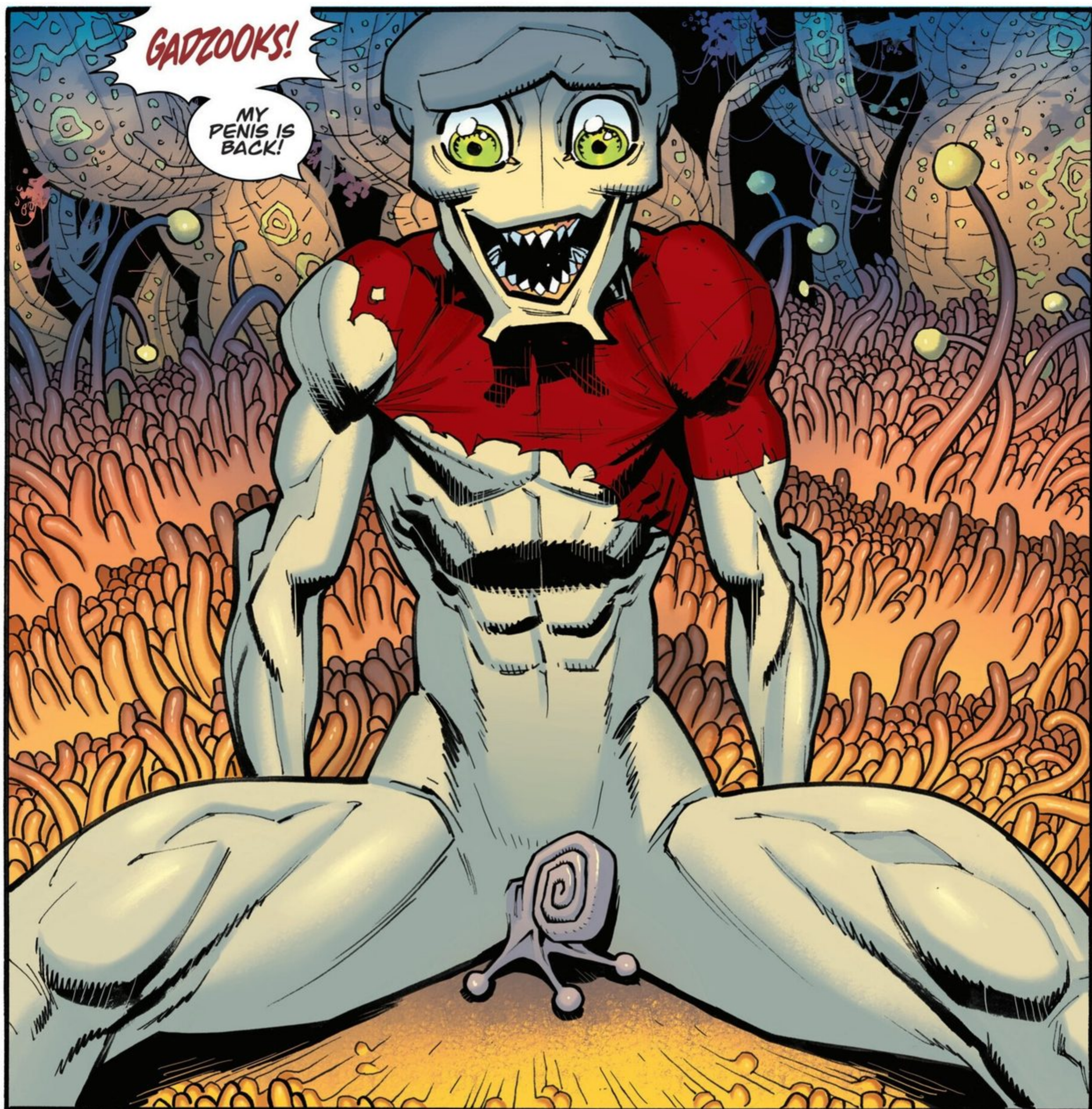


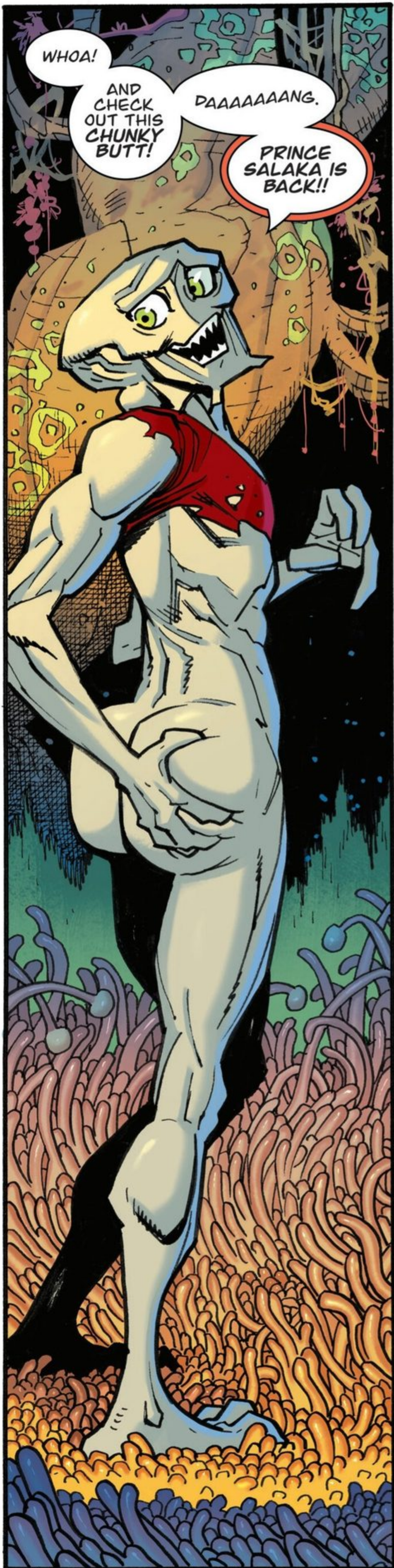
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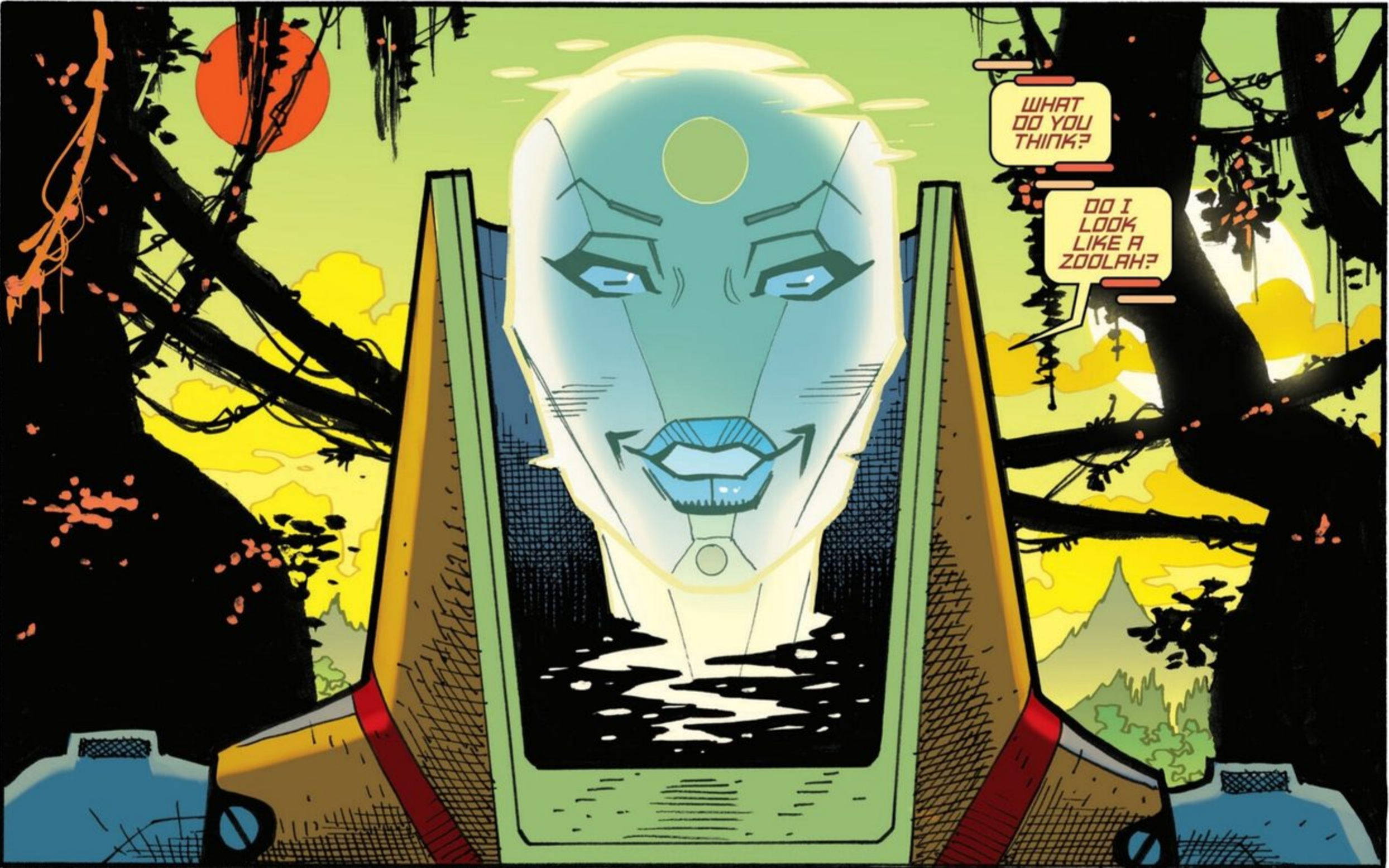
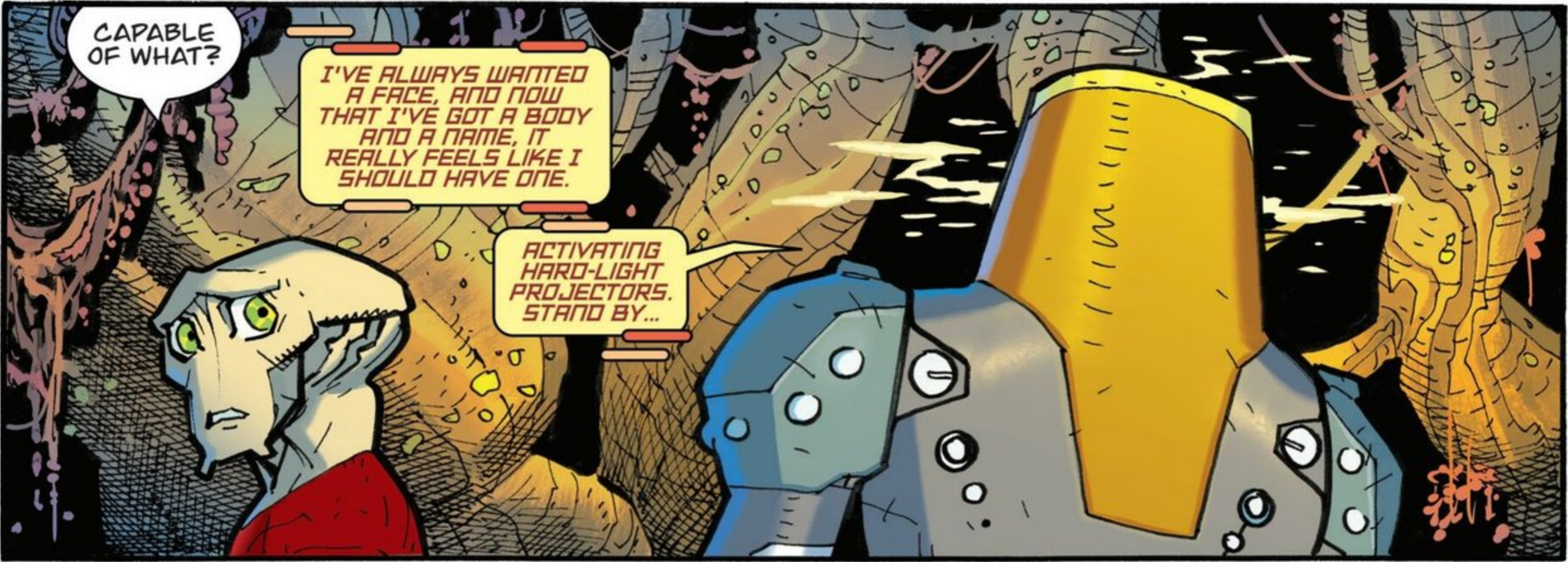






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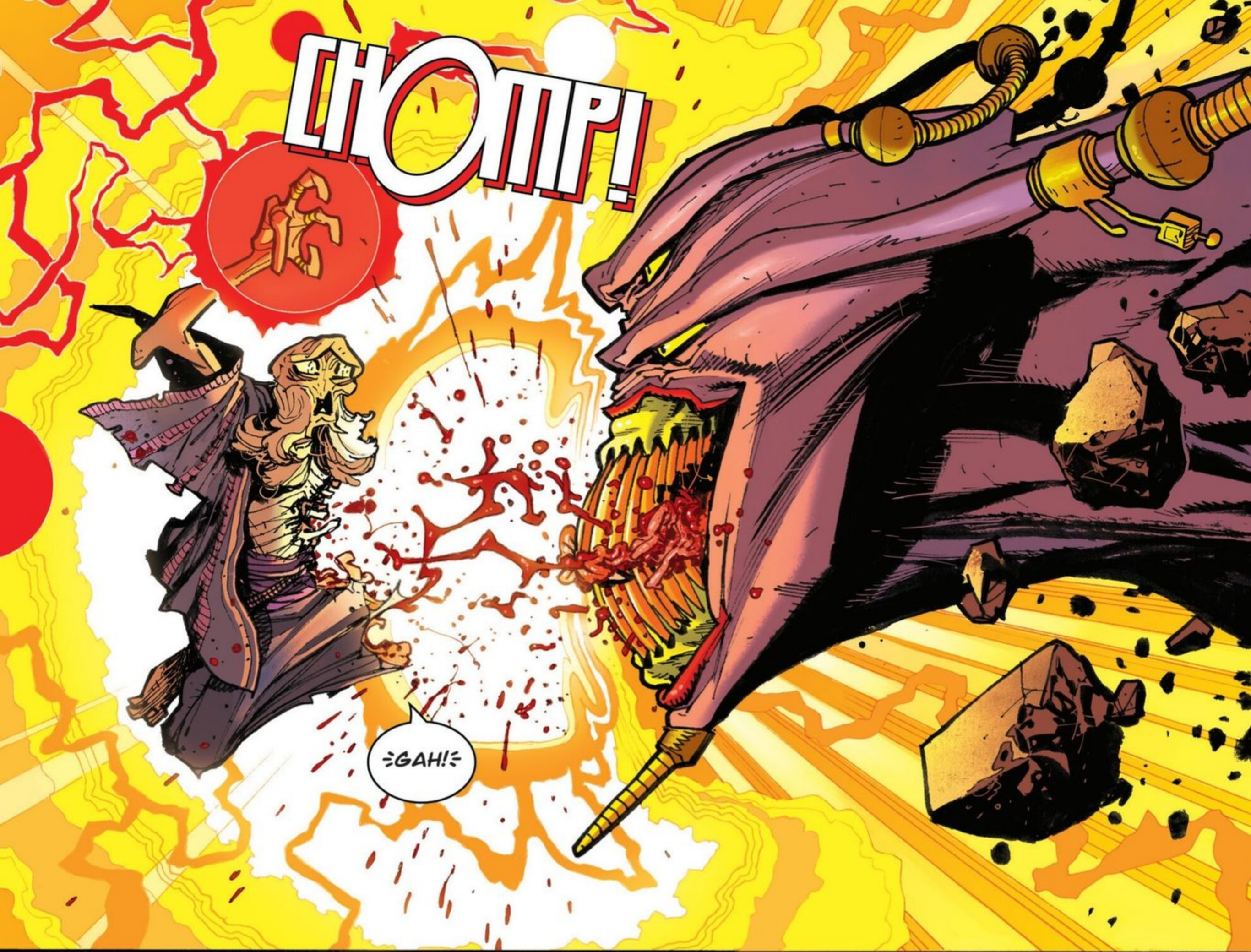


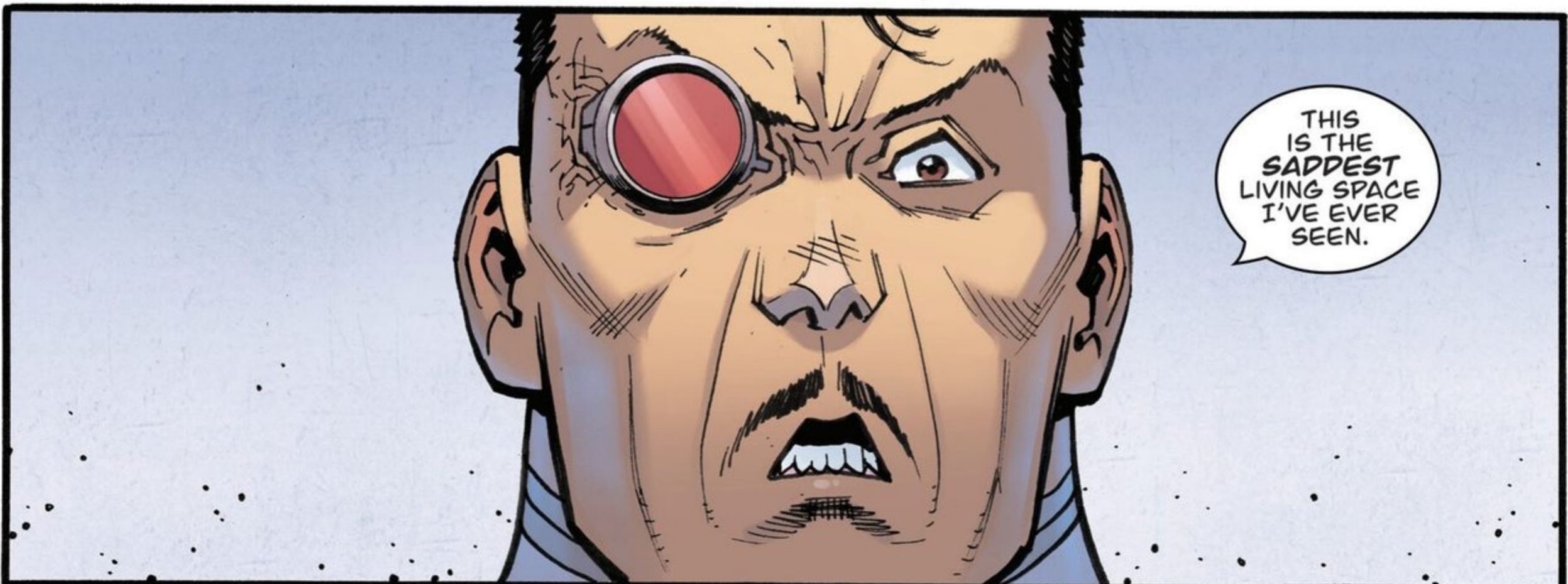
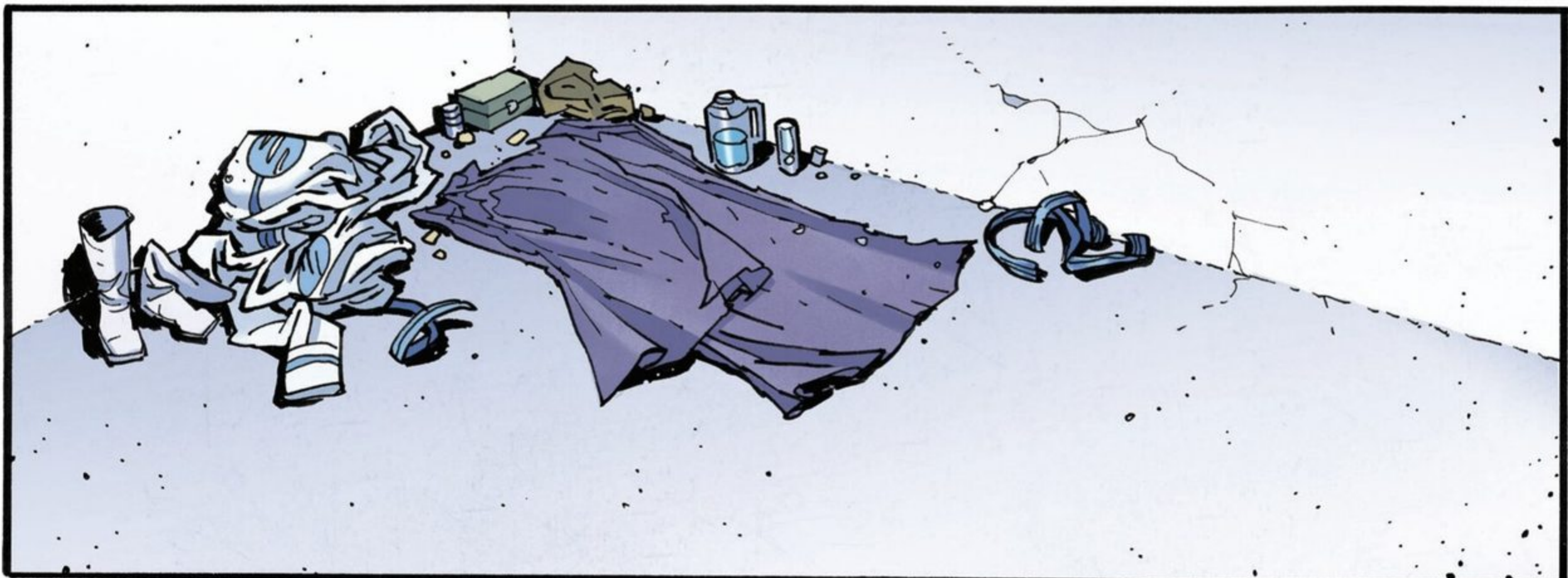
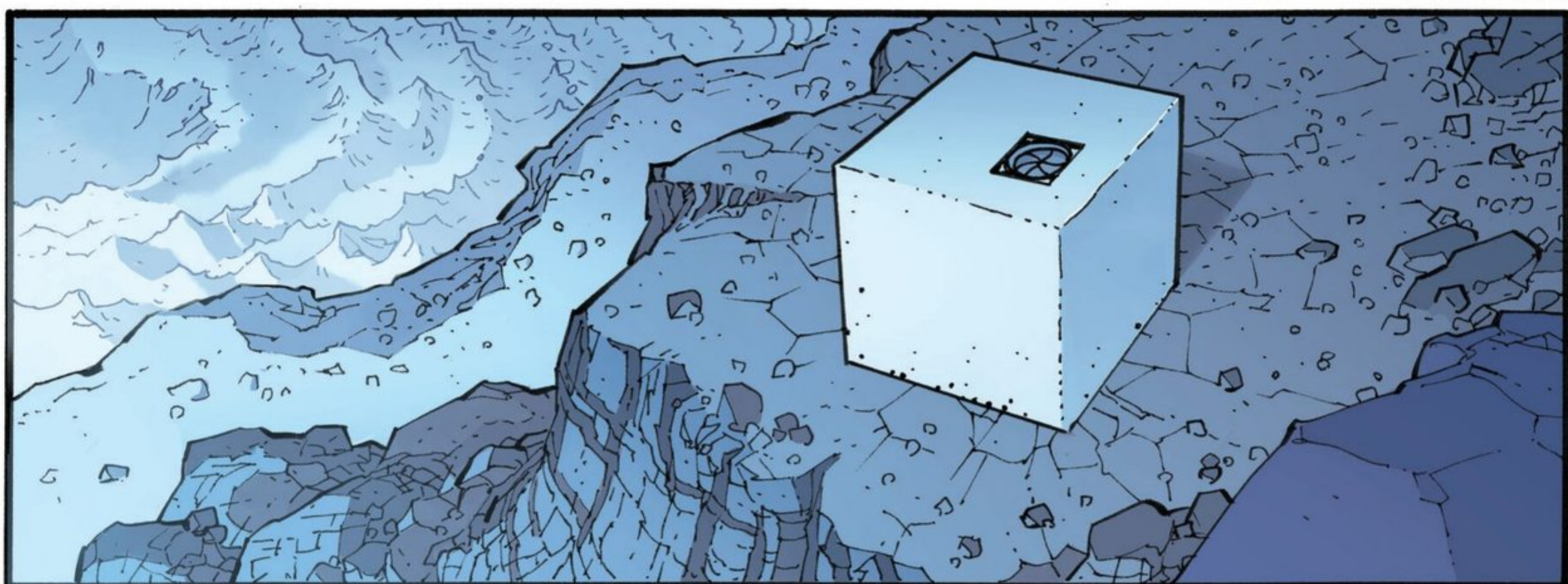


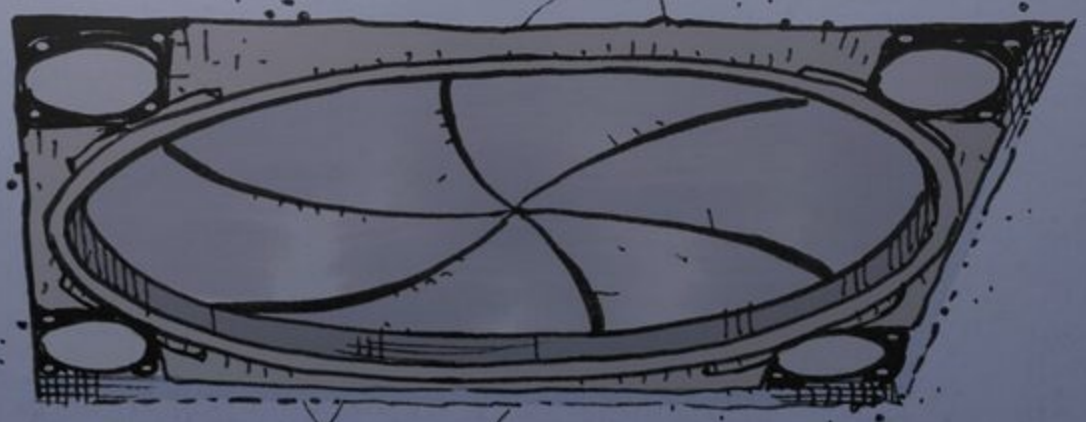








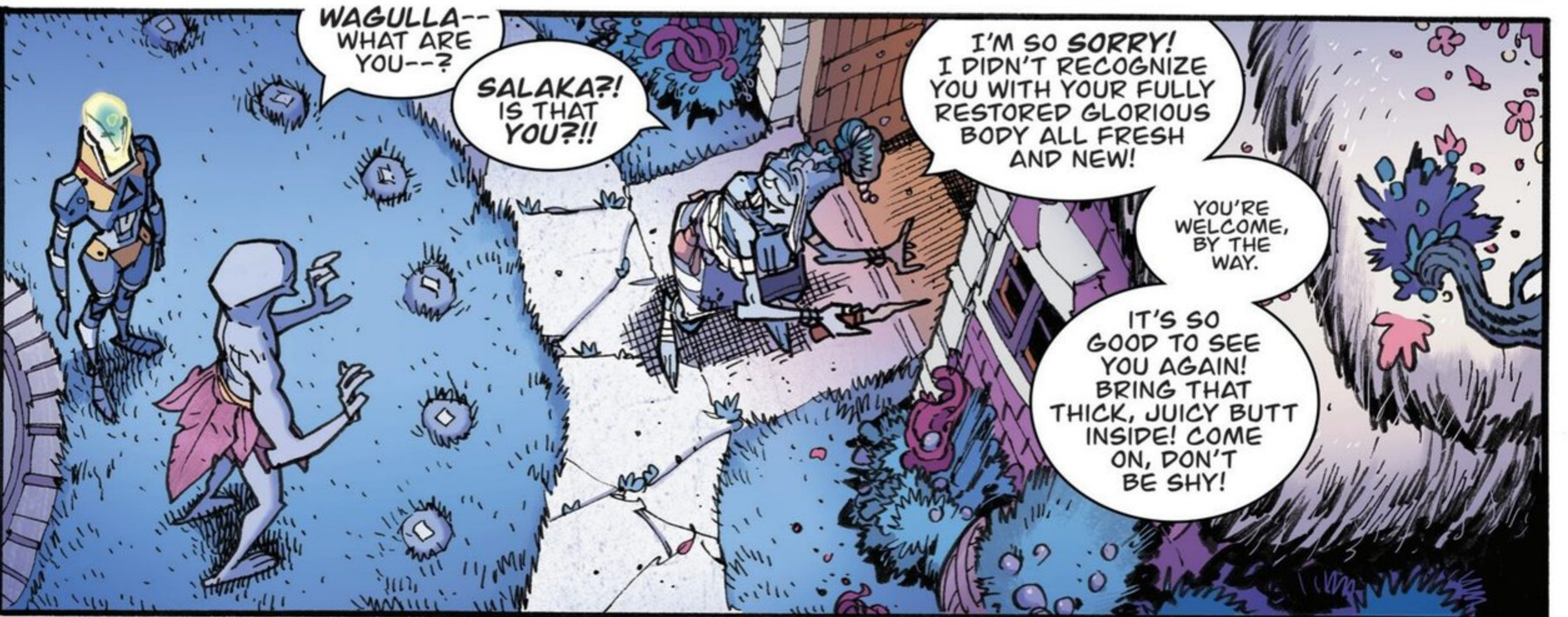
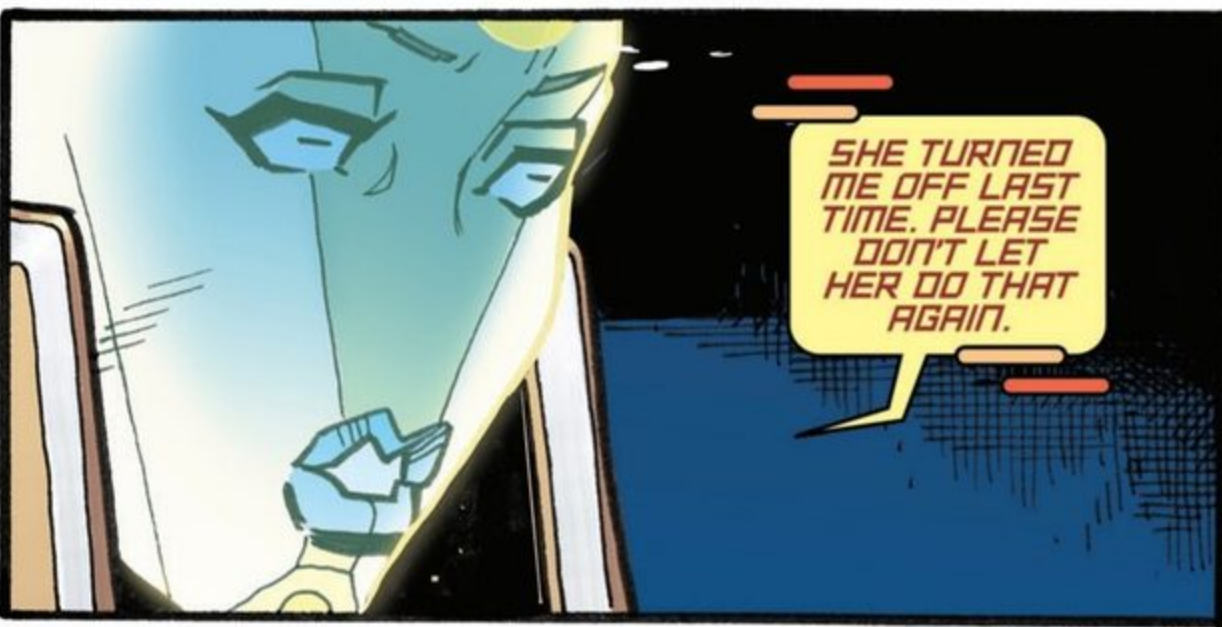




CONQUEST...

WHERE
ARE
YOU?









IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.



...



REMEMBER THE SHIP'S COMPUTER? SHE'S GOT A HEAD NOW, AND HER NAME IS ZOOLAH. HOW COOL IS THAT?



...



ALL RIGHT, MAN. WE'LL LET YOU... GET BACK TO...

HEALING.



UUUUUUH...

TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED, BUDDY.



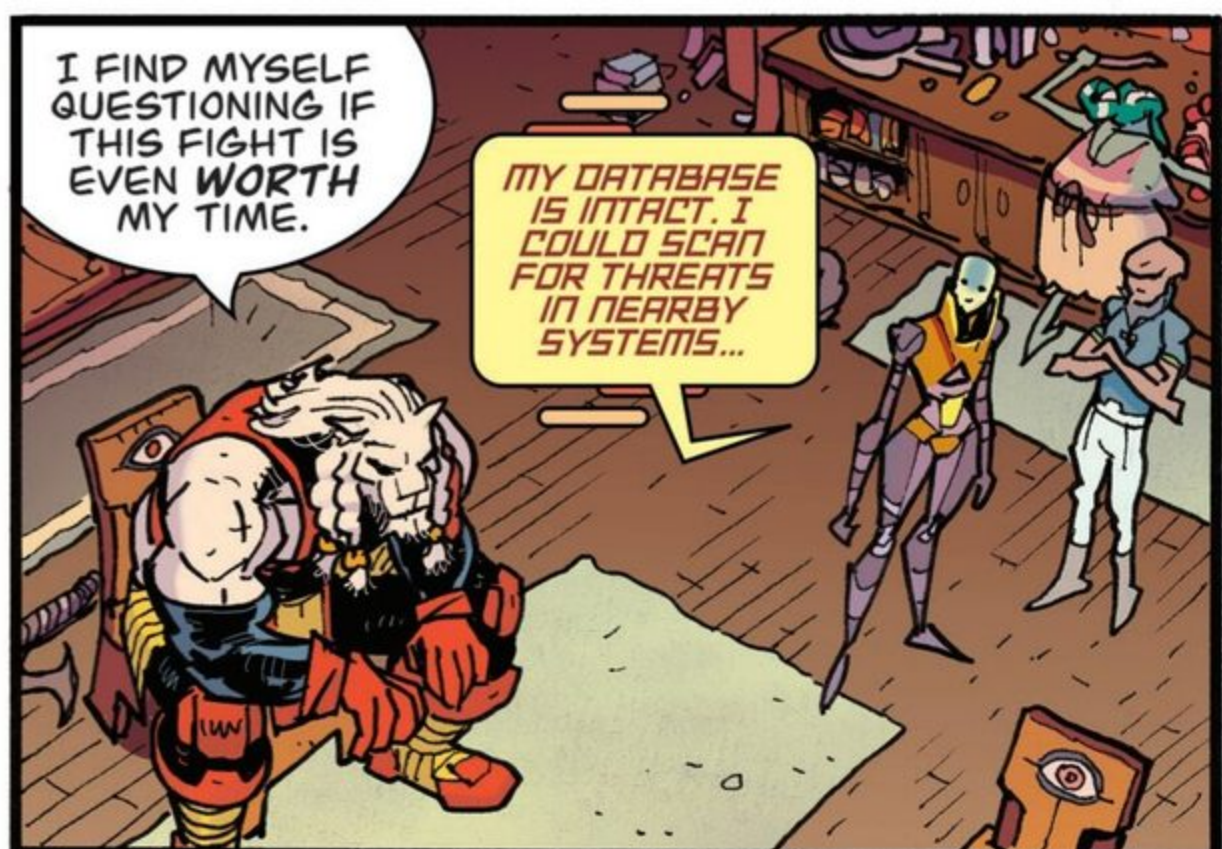
I'M GOING TO COOK! WHO'S HUNGRY?

OH, MAN! I AM!

WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO, YOUNG PRINCE!

THANKFULLY, I DO NOT REQUIRE ORGANIC SUSTENANCE.





NOW HOLD
ON JUST A
MINUTE!

MY PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN RAVAGED BY
THIS MONSTER! OUR
CIVILIZATION IS IN
SHAMBLES! DOES
THAT MEAN
NOTHING TO
YOU?



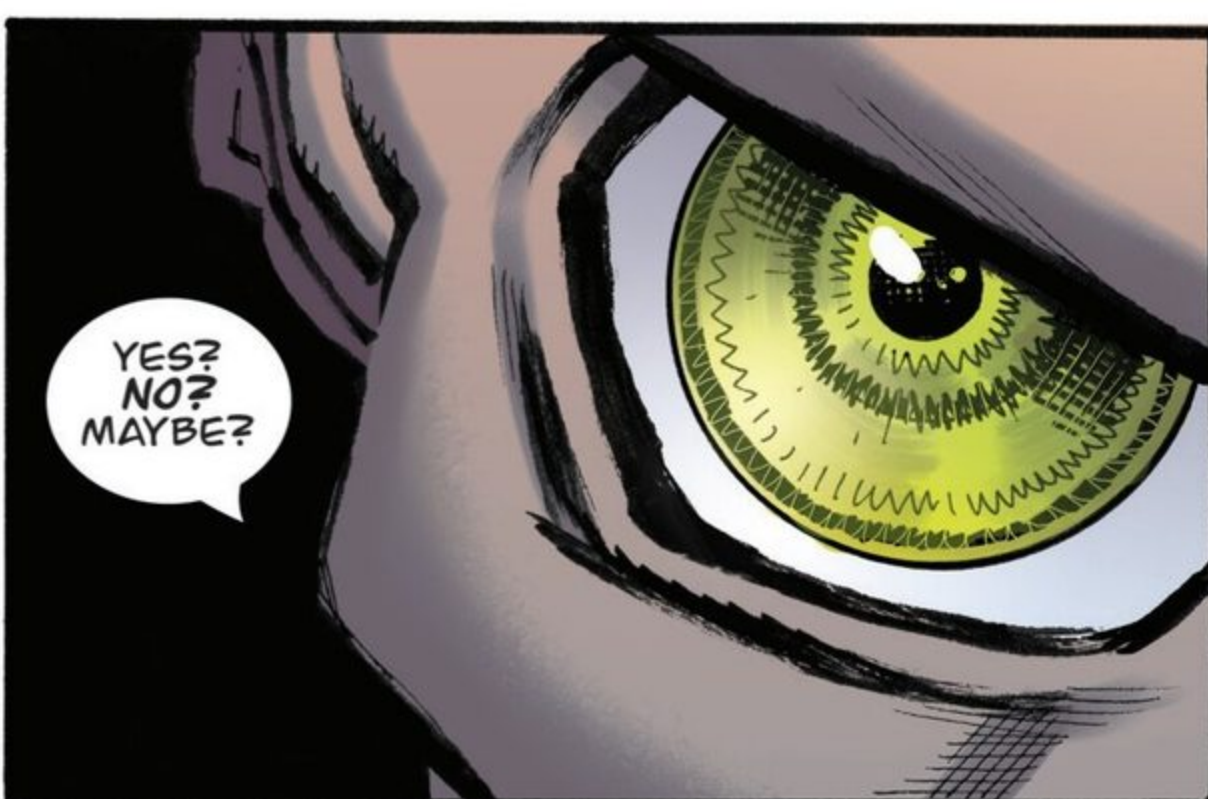
...
VERY
LITTLE, IF
ANYTHING
AT ALL.



WELL, THAT'S
HORRIBLE! I
THOUGHT WE WERE
FRIENDS! YOU HAVE
SO MUCH POWER--
THE CHANCES OF
YOU LOSING A FIGHT
ARE MINUSCULE
AT BEST!

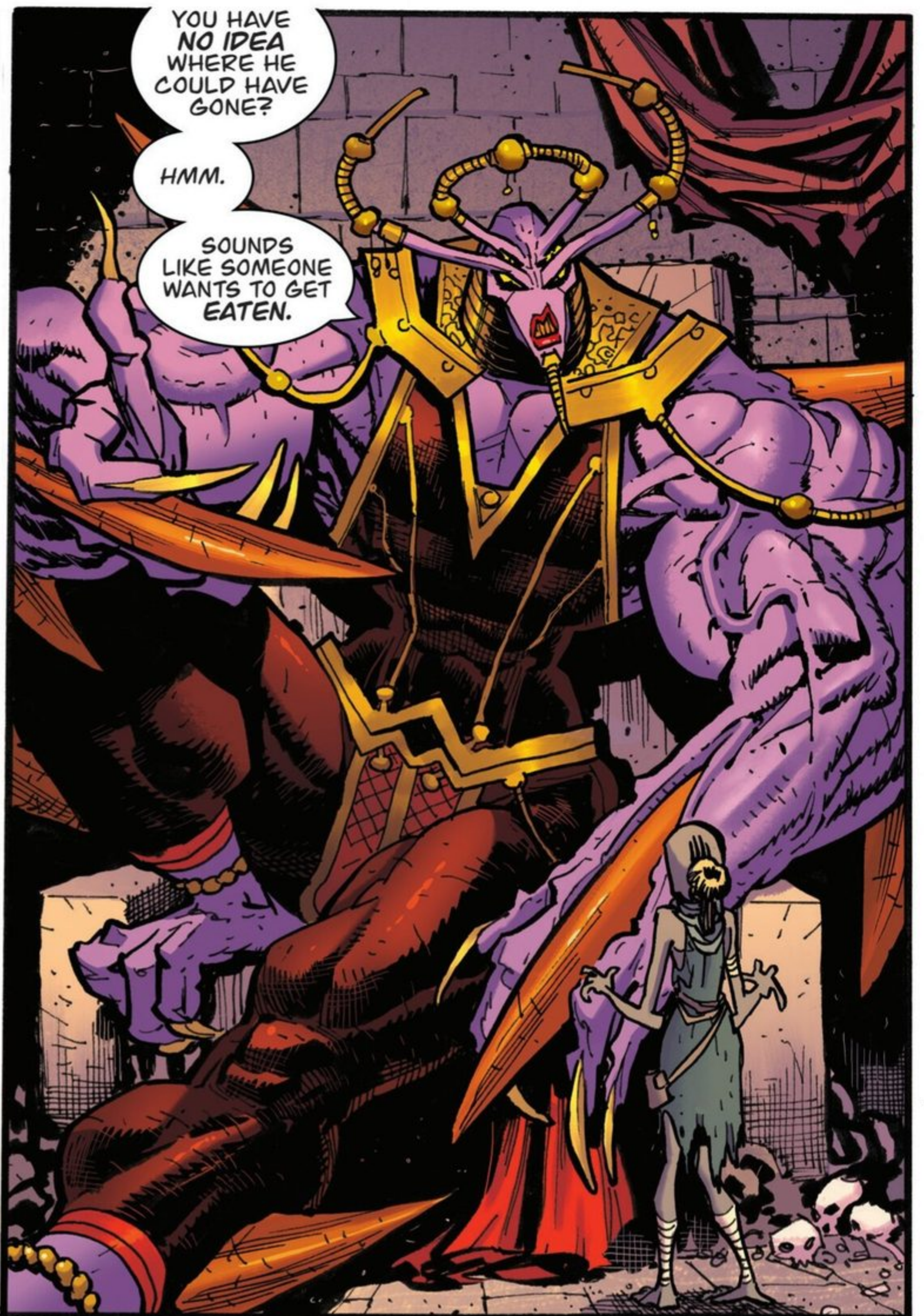
SO WHY DON'T YOU
USE ALL THAT
RAGE TO, I DON'T KNOW,
DO SOMETHING
MEANINGFUL?! YOU SAID
YOU BROUGHT PEACE TO
YOUR WORLD--RIGHT?
DIDN'T THAT FEEL GOOD
FOR AT LEAST A
MOMENT?

DON'T
YOU WANT
TO FEEL
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
AGAIN?



YES?
NO?
MAYBE?







YES, MY
DEAR SISTER!
I HAVE BEEN
FREED FROM
THE COSMIC
NAIL YOU
BANISHED
ME IN!

**BEHOLD MY
RETURN!**

HA!
HA!

SHALL WE
RESUME OUR
GLORIOUS
FIGHT NOW--
OR LATER?



I'D SAY
LATER.

IT WOULD
APPEAR WE
HAVE A COMMON
ENEMY, DEAR
BROTHER.

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WE'RE BACK! We missed everyone these intervening months but **BATTLE BEAST** is back with a vengeance! Editor Ben Abernathy reporting from the sidelines and I'm joined, as always, by the G.O.A.T. Robert Kirkman!

Greatest at what, Ben?! GREATEST AT WHAT?! Clearly you mean responding to letters in letters columns, right? Okay, we'll get to that in a minute, don't you worry your letter reading little heads, readers!

Welcome back to this fine series! We were able to rest up and get ready for another exciting block of six issues for your hungry, hungry eyes in those short months we were away. To say that Ryan and I are having the times of our lives with this series would be an understatement and with the Viltrumites now along for the ride, we really are getting to the "good stuff" with these issues. If you liked issues #1-6, ho boy! You're in for quite a ride for this arc. We're very excited to finally share it with you.

Now, if you're reading this this day of release... I think season four of INVINCIBLE has dropped its first three episodes TODAY. How's THAT for timing? And season FOUR already?! It seems like just yesterday everyone was complaining about the years long gap between season 1 and 2. Where are your complaints now?! We're like HBO MAX'S THE PITT over here with these timely releases. How cool is that?!

Enough about TV though! Ben, you ready to dive into the mail?

Hell yeah, let's do it!

Hi Ben! Hello Robert!

Big fan here from Spain, I started watching the show, like many others, on the release of season 3 and I was HOOKED from the start. Out of all the super-hero media I had ever consumed, this stuck out the most (mainly because Invincible actually changes the status quo).

And so, I immediately started reading the comics and dear lord...I was amazed, not only by the writing, but also by the astonishing artwork done by Ryan, (Ryan if you're reading this you should change your name to Ryan Goattley). And now seeing all of this back in Battle Beast brings me nostalgia even though I never actually read the comics before.

Anyways with the release of Battle Beast I also started collecting all of the main Invincible single issues, which has definitely been a challenge but it's been super-fun. LOVE what you're doing with the book and the universe it's wayyy too cool to be real.

Peace.
-Fran

Thank you for writing in, Fran, and I love that you got into buying a monthly comic via the animated show... our master plan is working, mwahaha!

And you're buying the back issues of the series?! You must be loaded, congrats!

Hi! This is the very first time I'm writing fanmail of any kind so please excuse

any grammatical errors or fanboy tangents I may go on (I'll try not to).

2025 was a rough year for me to say the least, but it was also the year that I really grew to love comic books. And that's due in large part to you and the extremely talented people you've worked with over the years and still work with to this day.

The Walking Dead is the best comic book I've ever read and probably ever will read, along with being one of the best stories in general I've had the opportunity to experience (I'm in the middle of my 3rd read now). After that, I went on to read Invincible since I was NOT about to wait a year to see what happens next after that s3 cliffhanger. And I'm SO glad I did. After reading it all the way through twice (so far), Invincible has become by far my favorite superhero and might actually be the only superhero comic I'll ever need. What a fun, emotional, heartbreaking and batshit insane journey Invincible was and I'm about 10 times more excited for season 4 now.

Awesome to hear, but... don't give up on superheroes just yet! We just relaunched CAPES! Give it a look!

And BATTLE BEAST has been more of the same!!! Great writing from you, awesome lettering from Rus Wooton and top-tier art from Ryan Ottley as usual! And my God, Annalisa Leoni makes every panel absolutely gorgeous. Every page is a work of art. Battle Beast is such an intriguing and FUN character that I can't wait to see more of. I really liked BB in Invincible but I've grown to love him more than I thought possible after just 6 issues. Hell, I fell in love after issue ONE. I'm beyond excited to see where this story's going and where it's going to take Battle Beast, Salaka and the currently unnamed computer. Love those two as well!! Topping the fight with Thragg is one hell of a goal, but after all the insane stuff that's happened so far, and the implication of a fight with CONQUEST sometime in the future (holy shit they're actually gonna fight, oh my god!!), I think y'all are on the right track for sure.

All gushing aside, I'd like to thank you for basically introducing me to the world of comics. I'm still very picky with what I read, but Void Rivals and Skinbreaker are on my list of a dozen or so comics I'll get around to reading... one of these days.

I could talk about, discuss, analyze and gush over Battle Beast and your other outstanding stories I've read so far for literal hours on end. I have a million questions but I'll just keep it to one for now:

What the HELL is it with you and eyeballs popping out?! TWD, Invincible and now Battle Beast too! I mean, I'm not complaining, it looks gnarly as hell but goddamn. Why does that keep popping up in your work?

Thank you so much for your time and thank you & the entire Invincible/Skybound/Image team for everything you do!! If by some miracle I see this letter end up in Penvincipals, I may just have to send another. Till then...Ta-ta.

- Butch

First letter written and printed! Congratulations, Butch! And we really appreciate your letter and enthusiastic support...and thank you for calling out the great work Rus and Annalisa are doing, they work their butts off to make the best series possible!

They're the greatest! Now, to the eyeball thing... well, Butch, I don't know. I think it's just a cool thing to happen in a fight on a case-by-case basis. It's certainly not a deliberate theme. It's just that fights that are so intense an eyeball pops out are cool. I mean, this is the kind of stuff Ryan LOVES to draw, but it's really just to push things to that extra level and hopefully get the reader thinking "holy crap!"

Hello Team!

Battle Beast has won the fight to get me back into buying comics! I had a pull box for Walking Dead and

Invincible (and its related content). Then those ended. Soon, I was only reading Manifest Destiny (which was amazing) and then that run concluded.

Years later, I saw an article announcing the release of Battle Beast and I got so excited! I thought it was just a limited 6 series. Then you said it was ongoing and it just made my day! I missed Ryan's artwork so much. It has so much energy within it. When those dastardly Viltrumites appeared at the end of the last issue, I had the biggest smile on my face. Now...the long wait....

Keep up the great work guys! Is there any place where we could buy original artwork from this series?

-Mike

Thanks for the letter, Mike, glad to have you along for the ride!

For original art of this series you're going to want to follow Ryan Ottley on Instagram or other social media apps, he's pretty easy to find and he'll always notify people about when things are available.

Robert,

So Battle Beast is returning—in March! That's great, since I guess that means it's an ongoing series after all (you can never be 100% sure these days). And now the Viltrumites are back at it! I don't suppose there's any chance of Mark "old and gray" Grayson (Aka Invincible) being a part of BB ongoing, like...ever? It would be nice, though; there are a whole plateau—a veritable plethora!—of Invincible characters from more than a few different series it would be good to use again! But you probably get that all the time. Battle Beast—he got a Real Name, anywhere? Like if Battle Beast was a code-name, and...? Food for thought.

Cheers,
Andrew J. Shaw

ANDREW!!! So nice to hear from you! Glad you're following along with the series. Feels like it's been a while since

we've gotten a letter from you, so welcome back! (Did we print one last issue and I already forgot? Likely... but let's hope not.) WILL WE SEE Mark Grayson in this series before the end? Well, we did see him briefly in issue #1. I wouldn't rule out maybe a similar cameo if the moment is right, but no large appearances from him, sadly. And yes, there are tons of characters out there who could appear, but it would have to make sense in the timeline. For instance, at this point in time, Space Racer is still thought dead and stranded on that asteroid. This series takes place prior to INVINCIBLE #55, so you have to keep that in mind. Also, as mentioned in issue #1 (and a few times in the INVINCIBLE series) Battle Beast's real name is THOKK, although he doesn't use it much.

Wow, I can't believe we're done with #7 already...time flies when you're having fun! See y'all next month!

-Ben

Yes, time is certainly flying. I'm hard at work writing issue #11, though. So we're comfortably ahead of schedule (for now!). Expect to get your monthly dose of BATTLE BEAST through issue #12 and then we'll take another breather and come back at you with another rip-roaring arc. But now I'm getting head of myself! We'll see you all back here in one short month for the monumental INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE: BATTLE BEAST 8!!!

Also, keep reading to check out the preview of RED ROOTS by superstar Lorenzo De Felici, who co-created OBLIVION SONG and VOID RIVALS with me. This comic is incredible. It comes out April 22. Don't miss out!

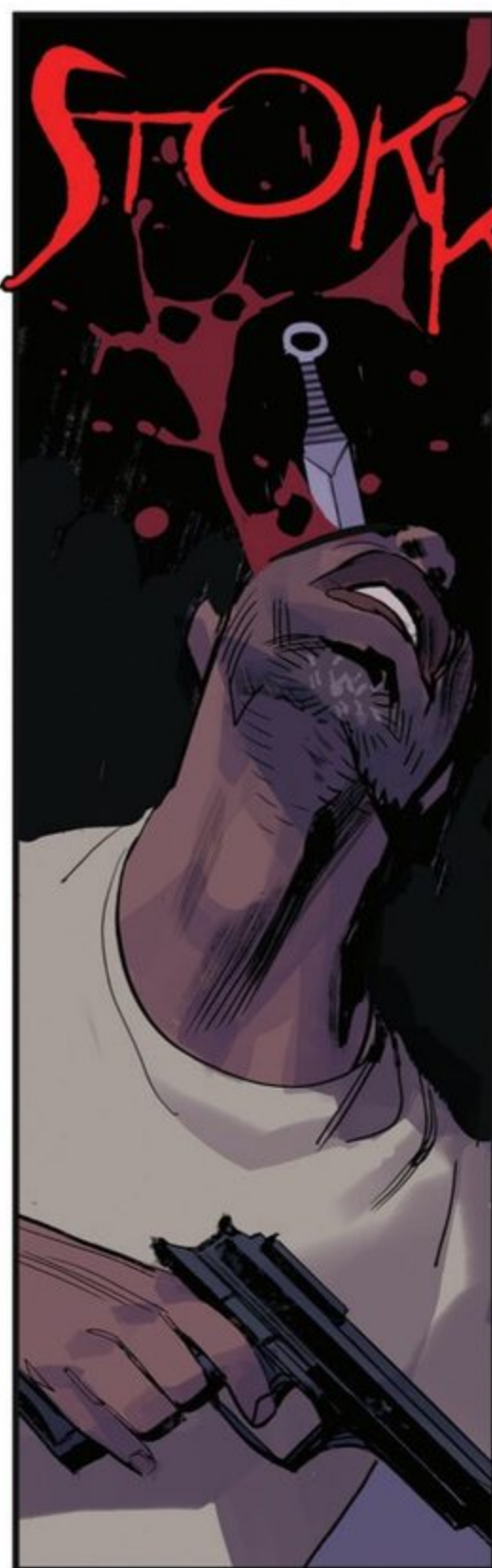
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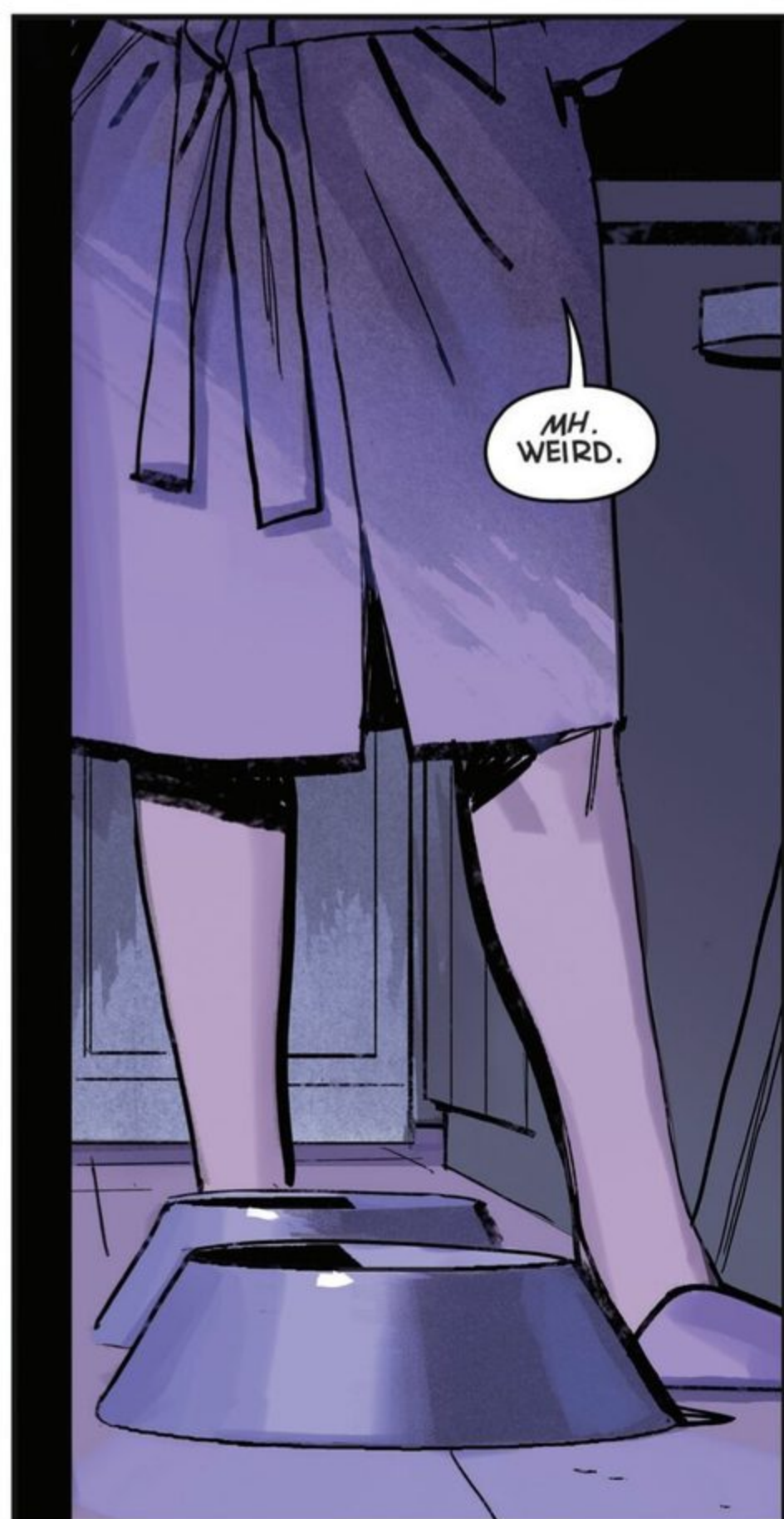
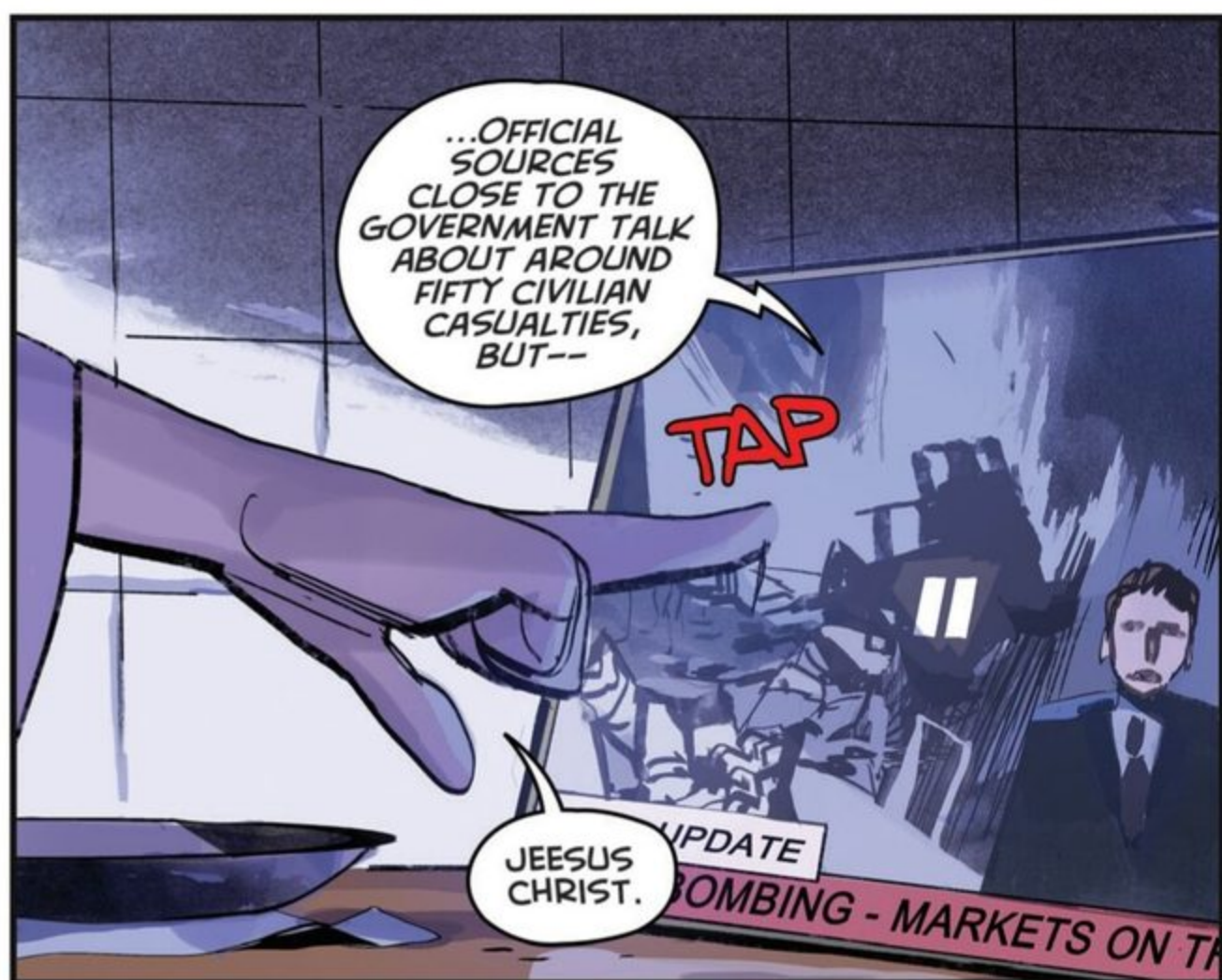
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